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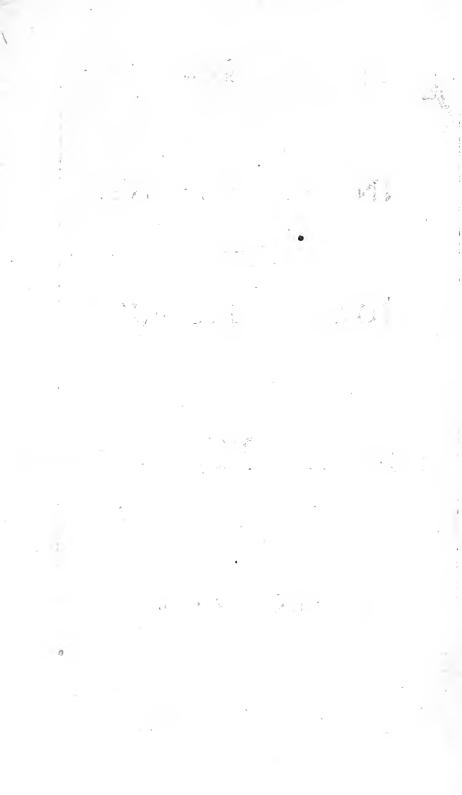
## TOWN OFFICERS

## AMHERST, N. H.

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.





## ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE-

# Selectmen, Treasurer,

# Board of Education

Trustees of Town Library

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OTHER REPORTS OF THE TOWN

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# Amherst, N. H.

-FOR THE-

Year Ending Feb. 15, 1897.

MILFORD, N. II CABINET BOOK AND JOB PRINT 1897. N 352.07 A51 1897.

#### WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst, on Tuesday the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers

for the year ensuing.

ART. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 3. To raise such a sum of money as may be

necessary for repairing Highways and Bridges.

ART. 4. To raise such a sum of money as may be needed for school purposes.

ART. 5. To raise such a sum of money as may be

necessary for the maintenance of the Town Poor.

- ART. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
- ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Library.
- ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept, in accordance with the Will of the late Laura E. Belden, a bequest of two hundred dollars.
- ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to build Highway from a given point near Lemuel Fuller's to the shore of Babboosic Pond.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to have a new appraisal of the real estate in Town.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to buy a new

Hearse, or repair the old one.

ART. 12. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ART. 13. To transact any other business that may

legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, 1897.

ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE,

Selectmen of Amherst.

### TOWN TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.	$D_{\mathbf{R}}$	
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1896,	<b>#</b> 62	96
Insurance tax,	10	50
Savings bank tax,	1,717	84
Literary fund,	137	20
Interest on Nutt fund for schools,	156	25
County of Hillsborough,	844	85
Collected taxes of 1895,	868	61
·· · · · 1896,	8,249	43
Notes,	1,724	49
Police court,	600	56
Rent of town hall.	81	75
Cemetery lots sold,	18	00
Interest on Nutt fund for cemetery (E. K. Burtt),	1	50
Interest on taxes of 1895,	12	35
State of New Hampshire, bounty on hawks,	8	50
" cattle commissions,	90	00
Railroad tax,	330	51
Interest on taxes of 1896,	9	03
Souhegan National bank, error on interest,	2	50
	\$14,926	83
CR. CASH PAID OUT.		
State tax,	\$1,795	00
County tax,	1,741	85
Schools (W. W. Sloan, treasurer),	3,046	45
Fire department,	217	50
Street lights and lighting,	291	14
Highways and bridges,	1,788	07
Soldiers' aid, via county,	715	25
" town,	72	00
County aid,	186	95
Town aid,	409	93
" officers,	821	15
Library appropriation,	200	00
Memorial "	50	00

Principal and interest,		637 33
School officers,		179 00
Snow bills,		272 81
Town tall expense,		116 39
Miscellaneous,		463 62
Police court expense,		113 47
Water bills,		96 00
New road to Bedford,		1,437* 00
Abatements on taxes of 1896,		138 09
Discount " " " 1896,		115 22
Abatements " " 1895,		31 39
		\$14,935 <b>61</b>
DOG ACCOUNT.		Dr.
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1896	,	\$127 63
Licenses issued,	*	157 00
		\$284 63
Cr. CASH PAID.		φ204 09
Treasurer Board of Education,		127 63
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1897	,	<del>\$157 00</del>
DIVIN DUPLIE AUTON	,	,
RECAPITULATION	1.	
Whole amount paid out on orders,		14,935 61
Whole amount received by Treasurer,		\$14,926 S3
Balance due Treasurer,		\$8 78
Notes outstanding against town,		6,924 49
		<del>\$6,933 27</del>
In hands of tax collector,	\$1,406 10	
Due from county,	<b>62</b> 50	1.40
		1,468 60
Balance against town,		\$5, <b>4</b> 64 67

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### F. C. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Amount of taxes assessed 1896,		\$9,655 53
Taxes collected,	\$7,996 12	
Abatements of taxes,	$138 \ 09$	
Discount on taxes,	115 22	
In hands of collector.	1,406 10	
		\$9,655 53
Interest,	<b>\$19 03</b>	
Amount due on taxes Feb. 15, 1896,		\$868 61 <b>5</b>
Taxes collected,	\$837 22	
Abatement of taxes.	31 39	
		\$868 61
Interest on taxes,	<b>\$12</b> 35	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. BOUTELLE, Tax Collector.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and tind them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Dodge: May, June, July, August, September, October, November, January, February,	\$220 61 530 33 334 00 126 73 156 97 225 30 156 44 35 69 2 00	<b>※1,7%</b> × 07
SNOW BILL	LS.	
March, May, June, February.	\$37 82 37 53 13 75 183 71	\$272 81
TOWN HAI	ы. П.	
G. H. Hodgman, care town hall, A. C. Decatur, G. H. Podgman, supplies. A. C. Decatur, C. D. Wilson. R. H. Prince,	\$51 66 35 05 5 50 13 70 7 48 3 00	<b>*116</b> 39
STREET LIGHTS AN	D SUPPLIES.	
George W. Osgood, lighting lamps, " " supplies.	\$206 93 84 21	\$291 14

#### WATER BILLS.

17 11 1211 17111125 · ·				
Miss Abby Melendy,	\$30	00		
Mrs. E. W. Nichols,		00		
F. C. Taylor,	6	00		
J. F. Hanson, part old bill,	6	00		
F. E. Hatchinson,		00		
H. G. Harvell,		00		
Frank Hartshorn,	_	00		
J. P. Trow,		00		
W. S. Peaslee,	3	00		
WATER BILLS.				
A. M. Philbrick,	3	00		
H. W. Manning, old bill,	3	00		
E. A. Bennett,	3	00		
Harry Boutelle,	3	00		
•			<b>\$</b> 96	00
SCHOOLS.				
	dia Propinsi	(14)		
Appropriation,	\$2753 50	00		
W. W. Sloan, services on school board, "treasurer and enumerator of				
scholars,	25	00		
W. W. Sloan, clerk school board,	-1	00		
A. J. McGown, services on school board,	50	()()		
S. E. Dodge services on school board,		00		
Literary fund,	137			
Interest on Nutt fund,	156	25	#10 00 F	1.5
			<b>\$3,225</b>	40
FIRE DEPARTMEN	Г.			
E C Taylor row noll of Common	<b>%1</b> 90	110		
F. C. Taylor, pay roll of firemen,		00		
A. S. Jackson, spanners,		00		
R. S. Boutelle, fireward, F. C. Taylor, "		00		
W. W. Sloan,		00		
George H. Lakin, care engine house,		<b>5</b> 0		
		00		
G. P. Boutelle, straps for engine.	1	00		•
•			\$217	50
TOWN OFFICERS.				

Albert M. Philbrick, first selectman,	\$140 00
Horace T. Harvell, second "	129 00
Luther B. Converse, third "	129 - 00
George P. Boutelle, tax collector.	100.00

Geo. P. Boutelle, Powell raid,	6	23
" " Manning raid,	3	86
" " Broderick trial,	ō	18
R. S. Boutelle, constable,	õ	00
G. H. Hodgman, police,	.)	50
E. E. Weston, special police, 1895,	.5	<b>5</b> 0
F. A. Holbrook, supervisor,	15	()()
J. M. Jackson, ".	10	00
W. D. Clark, "	10	00
** **	5	00
J. M. Jackson, "	ā	00
R. T. Knight, election inspector,	õ	(h)
H. M. Parker, " "	5	()()
Frank C. Taylor, treasurer,	60	00
William D. Clark, town clerk,	ភភ	00
E. K. Burtt, sexton,	56	00
Albert M. Philbrick, overseer poor farm,	I.,	00
Horace T. Harvell, " " "	ī	50
Luther B. Converse, " " "	6	()()
A. C. Decatur,	8	50
E. K. Burtt. " "	.)	00
F. C. Taylor, " "		()()
J. E. Upton, auditor,	4	00
C P. Hartshorn, auditor,	3	()()
A. M. Wilkins, moderator,	12	()()
W. B. Byrd, to balance account at farm,	.ì	58
		—–
TOWN POOR.		
	()4	00
N. H. Asylum for Insane, board Mrs. Drucker,		<del>7</del> 9
A. H. Asylline for Theater, fronte offer 17 de Reit.		61
Clark & Sloan, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,		00
Frank O. Lampson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield.		00
C. D. Wilson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,		53
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance on		***
Mrs. Butterfield,	1	75
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance on	•	1.,,
Mrs. Butterfield,	.) 5	00
E. K. Burtt, funeral Jane Green,		25
		50
Emma Green, board " " " and care Jane Green,		50
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance Jane Green,		
- a, <b>p, re</b> neagn, medical actendance danc thech,	ı,	• ***

W. R. Clark, hack for funeral Jane Green,	7	25		
C. D. Wilson, goods for Jane Green,		65		
W. L. Cross, clothes and boots Fred Hill,	7	15		
J. M. Laws, shoes Fred Hill,	1	90		
W. L. Cross, clothes and goods Fred Hill,	7	55		
J. A. Ober, clothes Fred-Hill,	3	15		
J. B. Pettengill, examination Mrs. Drucker,	3	00		
A. M. Philbrick, expense taking Mrs. Drucker				
to Concord,	8	85		
			\$409	93
SOLDIERS' AID BY COUN	TY.			
Clark & Sloan, goods R. D. Moore,	<b>\$144</b>	00		
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance R. D.	,			
Moore,	36	35		
Clark & Sloan, goods Nancy J. Wetherbee,		00		
" " James P. Webster,	78			
" " " Mike Bresnahan.	96			
Mrs. Sheehan, house rent Mike Bresnahan,	60			
Geo. G. Rideout, farm rent for Chas. Crooker,	50			
W. L. Weston, coal for Charles Crooker,	28			
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mike	20	007		
Bresnahan,	8	00		
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mike		00		
Bresnahan,	14	00		
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance J. P. Webste				
" " " " " " "		40		
Mrs. Colston,		00		
Mis. Coiston,	104	00	A) 77 1 5	0.5
-			<b></b> ₹715	29
SOLDIERS' AID BY TOW	N.			
Mrs. Daniel Sheehan, soldiers' aid by town,				
\$6 per month,			\$72	00
COUNTY POOR.				
T. S. Merrow, board D. W. Cram,	<b>\$20</b>	10		
« « « « « «	25	50		
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c, c, c, c, c,	25	50		
D. F. Thompson, shoes "	1	75		
J. A. Ober, clothes "	3	60		
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mrs.				
Story,	1	00		

W. B. Byrd, board Mrs. Story,	85	00		
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance Mrs. Hold	en, 5	00		
			\$186	95
NOTES, PRINCIPAL AND IN	TERF	EST.		
Souhegan National bank, principal and				
interest,	<b>\$526</b>	33		
E. K. Burit, on Nutt fund interest,	12			
Eliza Eaton, interest,	24			
Lydia M. Merrill, interest,	60			
Benjamin " "		00		
Denjamin -		_	<b>\$637</b>	33
MISCELLANEOUS.				
C. E. Knight, legal services,	\$25	$\overline{0}0$		
W. B. Rotch, printing reports and advertising	g, 64	75		
" " insurance,	101	55		
A. C. Decatur, painting cemetery fence,	29	40		
Clark & Sloan, lead and oil,	37	37		
E K. Burtt, labor and material cemetery fend	ee, 16	71		
W. D. Clark, recording births, deaths and				
marriages,	18	80		
Mrs. Scully, land damage,	20	00		
E. K. Burtt, labor and material town farm,	12	75		
Emma L. Clark, copying,	11	50		
W. D. Clark notifying jurors and selectmen,	11	00		
Selectmen, bounty on hawks,	8	50		
A. C Decatur, care and feeding tramps,	6	50		
A. C. Decatur, painting and stock for Congre-	-			
gational church doors,		90		
F. C. Taylor, expense to Nashua and Manches	ter, 4	00		
W. W. Sloan, care town clock,		00		
R. H. Prince, mowing common,	5	45		
H. M. Parker, care watering trough,	2	50		
E. C. Eastman, order book, etc	$\overline{2}$	61		
. M. Philbrick, expense Concord, Mancheste	i.			
and Nashua		8.5	ø	
R. D. Moore, justice of peace warrant,	1	50		
S. B. Webster, feeding tramps,	1	50		
E. C. Eastman, order book and warrants,	1	13		
A. M. Philbrick, postage and stationery,	1	60		
F. C. Taylor, " "	1	12		
E. C. Eastman, order book and warrants.		98		

E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery,	42/20		
" " Lucy Blunt lot,	1-50		
J. H. Coggin, digging grave,	3 00		
T. S. Merrow, mowing grass in cemetery,	2/00		
H. T. Harvell, mowing grass,	1 50		
•		\$463	62
EXPENSE NEW ROAL	).		
Joseph F. Hanson, building road,	<b>\$799</b> 50		
" " railing for road,	28/00		
James Reiley, building bridge.	275 00		
George P. Hadley, surveyor,	42/00		
David Geddes, land damage,	200 - 00		
W. L. N. I. Peaslee, land dåmage,	60 - 00		
John H. Parkhurst, " "	15/00		
Minton N. Flint, " "	14 - 00		
H. T. Harvell, cement-pipe,	3 - 50		
-		\$1,437	00
POLICE COURT.			
Aaron M. Wilkins, judge,	<b>\$</b> 75 09		
Supplies for police court,	36 47		
W. D. Clark, special justice,	2 00	-	
-		\$113	47
MEMORIAL DAY.			
Cyrus Cross, appropriation,		\$50	00
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		#90	0.0
Appropriation,		<b>\$200</b>	00
	The Lagran	•	
ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YE			
Quincy Barnard, taxed to other parties,	\$10 99		
Daniel Sheehan heirs, taxed to other parties,	3 61		
William E. Hilton, left town,	1 57		
O. W. Joslin, taxed in Lyndeboro,	1 57		-
John Holahan, left town, Arthur Hill, ""	1 57		
	1 57		
Daward Camey.	1 57		
Fred E. Cooley, " " Joseph Gautier, " "	$\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 57 \\ 1 & 57 \end{array}$		
Frank L. Macomber, " "	1 57 1 57	9	
Edward Leonard, " "	1 57 1 57		
Joseph Daniels, " "	1 57		
George Hale, " "	1 SS		
cronge rane,	1 00		

Jason Webb, left town,	2 51
Town farm,	71 90
Thomas Jones, horse taxed in Milford,	78
" over seventy,	1 57
Charles Converse, left town,	1 57
" cause, over tax,	$2^{-}51$
George W. Davison, " " "	4 71
A. M. Wilkins, " " "	9 4:2
George F. Bills, cause, tax in Mont Vernon,	1 57
Daniel A. Fletcher, cause, over seventy,	1 57
C. P. Hartshorn, cause, taxed in Milford,	1 52
Phebe Boutelle, cause, over taxed,	6 28
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ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, Selectmen of Amherst.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

> C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

#### RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM.

Milk sold,	<b>\$955</b>	44	
Hay "	19	<b>7</b> 9	
Oats and corn fodder sold,	6	65	
Potatoes, etc., sold,	4	82	
Horse sold,	40	00	
Calves sold,	14	50	
Pork sold,	32	00	
Soap grease sold,	10	00	
Sacks sold,		68	
J. A. Hamilton, board,	3	00	
Service of bull,	3	50	
Jennison, hay,	5	75	
Eggs,	95	92	
Chickens and fowls,	36	80	
Clapboards,	6	<b>5</b> 0	
G. K. Walker, beef and veal,	70	00	
Board of Mrs. Story,	85	00	
•		_	<b>\$1,</b> 390 35
W. B. Byrd, to balance account,			5 58
			<b>\$1,</b> 395 93

Due for milk, \$79.20. Lumber at mill, \$60.

#### EXPENSE OF TOWN FARM.

D. Whiting & Sons, grain, etc.,	<b>\$405</b>	78
C. M. Barrett, carrying milk and ice,	41	71
C. E. Kendall & Co., grinding and grain,	80	68
Hayes, Jennison & Page, groceries,	20	10
W. A. Woodard and D. A. Peabody, phosphat	e, 22	60
George Avery, repairing pump and supplies,	2	88
Putnam, repairing harness.	2	90
Johnson, pump,	4	42
Pasturing young cattle,	6	00
C. H V. Smith, clapboards and finish,	12	90
Bruce, groceries and supplies,	5	68
James Drewett, two pigs,	5	00
C. F. Wright, one calf,	2	00
W. M. Burnham, one calf,	1	50
Cyrus Cross, shorts,	18	90
Dr. W. T. Russell,	3	00
James Drewett, labor,	40	04
Merrill Bros., coal,	3	00
Fuller horse,	115	00
William Hill, labor,	15	00
Smith, Thayer & Co., pump, box and express,	$^2$	80
F. C. Taylor,	15	15
C. F. Wright, use bull,	5	00
W. F. French, hardware and paint,	13	70
Harlen Gregg, sawing lumber,	16	30
C. D. Wilson, groceries and supplies,	47	36
J. M. Currier, maple sugar,	1	00
Mrs. Smith, four barrels,	1	00
Clark & Sloan, groceries and supplies,	68	71
Charles Pearsons, filing saws,		70
E. P. Bartlett, labor,	20	62
G. K. Walker, killing hogs,	3	00
J. W. Prince, blacksmithing,	1	00
J. F. Hanson, "	6	69
A. M. Philbrick, chestnut posts,	7	00
" " use planter,	1	00
" " drawing out boards,	$^2$	70
" calf,	1	$0\overline{0}$
Spofford, fish,	5	99
Groceries and supplies,	53	56
Sundries,	11	66

G. K. Walker, meat,	90	
W. B. Byrd, superintendent,	300 00	
	<del></del>	<b>\$1,395</b> 93

Number tramps lodged and fed, 55.

### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM FEB. 12, 1897.

12 cows,	<b>\$456</b> 00
6 heifers,	$120 \ 00$
1 bull,	15 00
2 horses,	275 - 00
12 tons English hay,	216 - 00
4 tons barley and millet,	60 00
10 tons meadow hay,	80 00
$2\frac{1}{2}$ tons corn fodder,	20 00
350 baskets corn,	82 00
Seed corn,	4 50
5 bushels beans,	6 25
Clapboards and shingles,	8 00
146 fowls,	73 00
Harnesses,	55 00
Blankets,	3 00
Two-horse wagon,	110 00
Farm wagon,	36 00
Express wagon,	58 00
Two-horse sled,	46 00
Mowing machine,	38 00
Horse rake,	20 00
Wheel harrow,	23 00
Thomas smoothing harrow,	$1\dot{2} = 0\dot{0}$
Plow,	12 00
Sulky plow,	43 00
Cultivator,	6 00
Dump cart,	18 00
Other farming tools,	45 00
Firewood,	38 00

Grain,	18 00
Potatoes,	15 00
Vinegar and barrels,	10 00
Provisions,	30 00
Household goods,	200 00
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ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE,

Selectmen of Amberst.

Amherst, Feb. 20, 1897.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

# REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

#### HIGHWAY.

Bradford Hill,	\$ 11 00	)
Mark Bennett,	1 50	)
Joseph Greenwood,	6 00	)
Edward N. Carr,	75	ó
M. T. Campbell,	8 50	)
D. A. Peabody,	48 16	;
W. L. Weston,	71 30	)
R. H. Prince,	163 36	ò
John Gould,	1 25	ó
H. W. Manning,	55 05	j
Oliver Carter,	4 95	j
T. S. Merrow,	75	,
Fred Robertshaw,	140 74	ŀ
Daniel W. Trow,	64 30	)
Frank W. Read,	33 37	,
H. P. Odell,	128 75	5
H. W. Keyes,	28 20	)
L. P. Cooke.	4 50	) /
Frank Hartshorn,	18 11	L
Joseph Currier,	9 99	)
Walter Batchelder,	99 05	)
Arthur Junkins,	7 50	)
James U. Prince,	<b>11 0</b> 0	)
Harry Boutell,	17 30	)
C. L. Coggin,	3 50	)
Fred Boutell,	7 05	5
C. M. Barrett,	1 50	)
John A. Hanson,	5 00	)
Peter Loiselle,	44 25	
O. W. Legaessy,	53 85	,

Q 4 Dettermile		
C. A. Pettengale,	70 27	
Charles F. Wells,	9 00	
C. D. Hale,	21	
H. M. Parker,	80	
Charles Wheeler,	60	
N. D. Wright,	16 20	
Jesse R. Wilkius,	60	
Ira Worcester,	13 50	
E. K. Burtt,	18 05	
Wm. Goodale,	10 00	
Arthur Howison,	6 75	
Wm. S. Peaslee,	10 82	
H. J. West,	<b>5</b> 07	
Nathan Cady,	40 - 50	
C. E. Wilkins,	75	
C. D. Wilson,	9 17	
Milford Water Works,	5 00	
Charles Pherson,	$3 \ 25$	
George Hanson,	10 80	
J. P. Fletcher,	$23 \ 70$	
H. H. Belden,	40	
Frederick Ford,	1 30	
John Hadlock,	11 10	
H. T. Harvell,	4 50	
C. W. Dodge,	3 22	
Frank Chase,	1 00	
Horses,	304 60	
John H. Dodge,	174 - 63	
		\$1,864 32
Cr.		
·	50	
By boards sold E. K. Burtt,	_	
" old bridge plank sold G. F. Hanson,	7 00	
" old iron sold	2 25	
" use of scraper,	6 50	
Received from Town,	1,788 07	\$1 \$A1 9a
		\$1,804 32
SNOW BILLS.		
Daniel Peabody,	3 80	
Fred Hubbard,	1 81	
H. T. Harvell,	15 63	
	217 0.7	

Ralph Holbrook

4 80

SNOW ORDERS		
		\$272 81
John Dodge,	15 95	
H. P. Odell,	1 35	
Frank Chase,	4 10	
Harriet Hutchinson,	4 67	
Nathan Cady,	1 35 1 35	
George Colston,	2 90 1 35	
Frederick Ford,	$\frac{29}{2} \frac{03}{90}$	
H. J. West, G. K. Walker, No's, 1 and 8,	$\frac{1}{29} \frac{35}{03}$	
F. W. Noyes,	9 61	
J. F. Hanson,	11 45	
Frank Cady,	5 40	
Henry Cochran,	39 02	
Chester Shipley,	2 00	
C. M. Barrett,	5 80	
Wm. Rhodes,	5 95	
W. H. Colston,	3 00	
Harry Boutell,	8 27	`
Fred Boutell,	3 60	
J. E. Fowle,	4 94	
F. A. Holbrook,	3 35	
Oliver Carter,	2 50	
Frank Read,	2 25	
Charles F. Wells,	2 <b>5</b> 5	
John A. Hanson,	7 35	
Wm. Pratt,	21 43	
Daniel W. Trow,	3 80	
Edward Carr,	1 05	
J. E. Upton,	2 70	
John Gould,	3 08	
T. S. Merrow,	14 60	
C. D. Hale,		
W. L. Weston,	4 75	
II. W. Manning,	4 45	
Frank Shoren,	$\frac{5}{4}$	
E. O. Willoby.	3 08	
J. Diekson,	$\frac{1}{1} \frac{99}{80}$	
Ralph Holbrook,	1 00	
Ralph Holbrook	4 80	

SNOW ORDERS.

\$37 82 37 53

13 75 183 71

272 - 81

JOHN H. DODGE,

Road Agent.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

# REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

The town voted at its last annual meeting to establish a police court, and voted a salary of \$100 per annum to its justice. Agreeable to that vote the Governor appointed Aaron M. Wilkins as justice, the commission bearing date of May 12, 1896, and expiring Jan. 22, 1924. William D. Clark was appointed special justice June 10, 1896, his commission to expire Nov. 20, 1930.

It will be seen that this report practically covers nine months. The selectmen's room has served as court room thus far without any clashing of interests, and no clashing is anticipated in the future. During these nine months 19 cases, all of a criminal nature, have been before the court, and have been disposed of as follows:

Paid fines and costs,	-	16
Appealed,		1
Bound over to supreme court,		1
Discharged,		1

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

From fines and costs,	<b>\$728 47</b>	•
" complaint and warrant,	1 50	
	<del></del>	<b>\$</b> 729 97

#### EXPENDITURES.

A. C. Decator, of	ficer'	's fees,	\$40	88
R. S. Boutelle,	44	"	38	37
G. H. Hodgman,	"	66	5	36
L. I. Minard,	66	"	5	21
R. D. Moore, cor	nplai	int and warrant,	1	50

C. T. Crooker, complaint and warrant and wit-			
ness fees,	2	27	
J. J. Doyle, agent for S. Jewett, witness fees,	9	07	
F. A. Dodge, complaint and warrant, and one-			
half fine,	26	50	
Use of telephone, case No. 9,		25	
F. C. Taylor, Town Treasurer,	600	56	
-			<b>\$729_97</b>

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

#### Respectfully submitted,

AARON M. WILKINS, Justice. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Special Justice.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

#### Note.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that all fines and witness fees have been paid direct from the court to those entitled to receive the same, and that \$600.56 has been paid to the Town Treasurer. The selectmen have drawn orders for salaries, seal-record books, printing blanks, and receptacles for the same amouning to \$113.47, which, deducted from \$600.56, the amount paid the Town Treasurer, leaves \$487.09 the net proceeds of the court for the nine months ending Feb. 15, 1897.

Owing to the scarcity of public statutes, the justice has thus far used his own books for court business, but, it goes without saying, that the town should have a set at the court room whenever they can be found. Aside from these we anticipate no expense other than salaries for a long time to come.

#### Report of Trustees of the Spalding Fund.

In compliance with that clause in the will of the late Isaac Spalding, requiring the committhe or trustees to report at the annual meeting of the town of Amherst the condition of his bequest of \$10,000 for the benefit of common schools, the trustees desire to make the following report.

The income received for the calendar year 1896 has been as follows:

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co.,	\$200	00		
Concord, N. H., water bonds,	105	00		
15 shares Peterboro Railroad stock,	60	00		
Central Savings bank, Lowell,	21	32		
			\$386	32

#### Cr.

By cash paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer board of education, \$386-32 Balance now in hands of trustees, \$10,000.

The investments are the same as reported one year ago, as follows:					
Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co.,	\$5,000 00				
Concord city water bonds, registered,	3,000 00				
15 shares Peterboro Railroad stock,	1,500 00				
Central Savings bank, Lowell, Mass.,	500-00				
		<b>\$10,000 00</b>			

#### GEORGE W. BOSWORTH, FRANK HARTSHORN, WILLIAM PRATT,

Trustees of the Spalding Fund.

We have examined the securities of the above fund and find them as above stated.

> C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

#### Campbell Cemetery Fund.

The trustees of said fund make the following report:

March 23, 1896. Received of George H. Campbell, Esq., four hundred dollars, being the bequest of his father, Hon. Charles H. Campbell, to the town of Amherst, the income to be used for cemetery improvement.

We have invested this money, taking a town note for the same, interest to be paid annually, said note bearing date April 15, 1896.

DANIEL A. FLETCHER, GEORGE W. BOSWORTH.

Trustees.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

### Report of E. K. Burtt, Trustee of C. H. Nutt Cemetery Fund.

Dr.

To interest on fund,

\$12 00

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By cash paid cleaning stones,
labor on lots,
eash paid town,

\$6-00

4 50 1 50

\*12 00

E K BURTT, Trustee.

AMBERST, Feb. 15, 1897.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON,

J. E. UPTOS,

· Anditors.

#### REPORT OF

#### TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

In submitting the seventeenth annual report of the Town Library, the Trustees are glad to announce a largely increased circulation of both books, and magazines, a fact which seems to indicate a growing interest in, and greater appreciation of the intellectual advantages provided.

To January 31, 1897, the number of books and periodicals issued was 4,080, an increase of 791 over the previous year. According to the Librarian's report, this is due in great measure to the added number, and growing popularity of the periodicals subscribed for, and also that each person has been allowed to take out as many books as were desired.

The families represented as patrons are 110. The number of volumes added to the Library during the past year has been 118, 61 by purchase, and the remainder as donations.

In many cases those purchased have been works of a more expensive character than it has always been the custom to buy.

It is with great pleasure that the trustees now publicly acknowledge the many gifts to the Library and with sincere gratitude that they thank the donors for their una-

bating interest in its welfare.

The reading room, by the kindness of friends, is also gradually becoming more attractive and the coming year will doubtless show a new appreciation of its purpose. In the matter of books, as in all others, the demand creates the supply, and it has been the aim of the trustees to meet the expressed wishes of the people in every case possible.

As of necessity, but a comparatively limited number can be bought, it only remains for them to urge each and every one to a continuation of that taste which demands but the purest and best of literature—A literature which is not approved by passing fancy alone, but which contains elements that will render it as valuable in the years to come as today.

#### GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

A large and handsome oak case to contain the bound files of the Farmers' Cabinet, from

James W. Towne.

Life size crayon portrait of the late Dea, E. D. Boylston.

Mrs. William Warren. Mrs. H. C. Dodge, Mrs. Isaac Locke.

A chair formerly owned by the late Jeremiah Barnard, second minister of the Congregational church of Amherst, 1780—1835.

H. H. PARKHURST

The Proprietor's Record of Soughegan West, from Dec. 17th 1827 to Oct. 15th, 1770. The gift of the late Charles H. Campbell.

This is enclosed in a handsome oak case donated by his son, George H. Campbell, who has also presented us with thirty nine volumes of miscellaneous reading including many valuable works.

A study of Maria Edgeworth. Mrs. J. G. Davis.

Tom Grogan, Bird Craft, Mrs. G. A. Spalding.

The Gurneys of Earlham; 2 vols. Miss A. M. MEANS.

Manchester up to date,

G. W. WILLEY.

The Red Badge of Comage, Mrs. Halsey L. Wood.
Mirthfulness.
Miss L. R. Fletcher.

Thaddeus of Warsaw, Miss E. J. Stearns.

Numbers of the Farmers' Cabinet from 1891 to 1896, ISAAC B. DODGE, HENRY SECOMBE and others.

Life and Light, from 1878 to 1895, Miss Clara A. Weston.

History of 2nd N. H. Regt., Vol. History of 7th N. H. Regt. Vol. History of 9th Regt. Vol. Index of Council Records, 1631—1784. Mainual of the General Court, 1891. State papers and pamphlets, vol. 5. Pamphlets, John Sullivan. New Hampshire Men at Louisburg. Report of Commissioner of Education, 2 vols., from Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

Address at dedication of Bradford, Vt., Public Library, July 4th, 1895, J. H. Benton, Jr.

Willy's Book of Nutfield,

E. J. UPTON.

Subscription to Farmers' Cabinet,

W. B. ROTCH:

McClure's Magazine, 1896,

H. C. Dodge.

Munsey's, 1896,

Miss E. J. Stearns.

Ladies' Home Journal, 1897, Mrs. H. E. Buswell.

Magazines taken, Review of Reviews; Century; Har-

pers; New England; St. Nicholas; Cosmopolitan; Granite Monthly. Harper's Weekly has also been taken the past year.

The Board was organized by the choice of Rev. A. J. McGown president, and Mrs. W. D. Clark Secretary and Treasurer.

#### TRUSTEES.

J. E. Upton.
Mrs. G. W. Nichols,
A. M. Wilkins,
Miss L. R.Fletcher,
Rev. A. J. McGown,
Mrs. W. D. Clark,

Term expires Mar. 1898.
Term expires Mar. 1899.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Clark, duly audited, is herewith submitted.

## Trustees of Amherst Town Library in Account with the Town of Amherst.

By	balance in treasury,	\$ 4	09		
	appropriation of town,	200	00		
	sale of catalogues,		65		
	fines,	4	96		
				<b>\$</b> 209	70
То	services of librarian,	<b>\$</b> 50	00		
	services of janitor,	15	00		
	new books,	75	79		
	supplies,	9	35		
	magazines and Harper's Weekly,	23	40		
	cleaning building,	3	75		
	express,	3	65		
	postage and incidentals,	1	80		
	cash on hand for binding,	26	96		
				\$209	70

#### MRS. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it properly cast and correctly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON;

Auditors.

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

#### BIRTHS.

Jan. 1, a son to Frederick G. and Nettie M. Wing.

Jan. 15, Helen, a daughter to Harry E. and Kate M. Smith.

March 9, George Hammond, a son to Percy M. and Clara M. Odell. March 18, a son to Theophile and Albina Loiselle.

April 1, Annie Atherton, a daughter to John and Annie Dixon.

April 1, Bessie Lang, a daughter to Ernest and Lucinda Owen.

May 5, a son to Charles and Effie Pillsbury.

June 12, Olga Victoria, a daughter to Charles and Charlotte Phersons.

Aug. 2, a son to John C. K. and Nellie A. Smith.

Aug. 23, Philip J., a son to Terence and Bridget Clerkin.

Sept. 5, Willis Henry, a son to Henry W. and Sarah Manning.

Sept. 6, a daughter to Ande and Vienna M. Russell.

Sept. 9, a son to Hiram A. and Rachel C. Glover.

Sept. 11, Doris Lettie, a daughter to Wm. L. and Lettie K. Weston.

Sept. 30, Leon Kenneth, a son to Harry and Anna C. Boutelle.

Oct. 4, a son to George G. and Mary E. Jennison.

Oct. 11, Ernest Lincoln, a son to George L. and Minnie E. Newton.

Nov. 3, a son to Michael E. and Annie E. O'Neil.

Nov. 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodale.

Nov. 25, a son to Charles H. and Clara A. White.

Dec. 26, a sor to James and Maggie Doyle.

#### MARRIAGES.

Feb. 12, William Warren of Westfield, Mass., and Helen B. Rotch of Amherst.

April 8, Frank H. Hair of New Braintree, Mass., and Susie J. Chickering of Amherst.

May 7, George E. Holbrook of Amherst and Lestina A. Richardson of Marlboro, N. H

June 29, Alpheus Stevens of Amherst and Ellen C. Greely of Salisbury, N. H

June 30, Fred E. Cooley of South Hadley Falls and Ada M. Rhoads of Amherst.

Oct. 24, George P. Boutelle and Hattie B. Tobin, both of Amherst. Dec. 2, Robert J. Atkinson and Eva B. Richards, both of Amherst. DEATHS.

Jan. 5, Samuel Merrow, aged 84 years, 5 months.

Jan. 29, Deborah L. Buckley, aged 63 years.

Feb. 2, Abby Frances Holton, aged 31 years, 11 months, 13 days.

March 9, Harriet E. Caldwell, aged 73 years, 11 months, 3 days.

March 28, Theophile Loiselle, aged 10 days.

April 5, Melinda Thomas, aged 82 years, 5 months, 27 days.

April 6, Jane Green, aged 77 years. i months.

April 30, Laura M. Russ, aged 66 years, 5 months, 29 days.

May 11, Patrick Buckley, aged 70 years.

June 9, Julia Ann Shipley, aged 53 years, 1 month. 16 days.

June 24, Thomas W. Richards, aged 78 years, 8 months.

July 10, Harry G. Parkhurst, aged 30 years, 3 months.

 ${\bf Aug.\,29,\,Annie\,\,Hodgkiss\,\,Melendy,\,aged\,\,50\,\,years,\,6\,\,months,\,11\,\,days.}$ 

Sept. 8, Willis Henry Manning, aged 3 months, 3 days.

Oct. 4, infant son of George and Mary Jennison.

Oct. 14, Horace S. Boutelle, aged 74 years, 8 months, 20 days.

Dec. 11, Louise C. Eldredge, aged 83 years, 7 months, 25 days.

Dec 11, Laura E. Belden, aged 39 years, 3 months, 16 days.

Dec. 12, Hannah J. Hill, aged 67 years, 8 months.

Dec. 24, Keziah Bullard, aged 87 years, 10 months.

Persons brought to Amherst for burial during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896: Benjamin J. Boutwell, Alice Brown, Harriet Parker, Joseph H. Hollis, Edward Stewart, Rebecca Read, Annie J. McAlvin, William Stackpole, Mary Stevens, Luther Towne, Harriet M. Clark, Winifred E. Hayward.

W. D. CLARK, Town Clerk.



